

Wauseon, Ohio

Saturday, June 24, we had the pleasure of driving to Bryan, Ohio, to attend the communion services which took place at the Brethren church Sunday evening, the 25th. As this was my first time to take part in this sacred ordinance I cannot express by words, neither can I place on paper the joy that it brought to me. I feel very much strengthened and encouraged as there were so many of our members present. How true the words of our Savior, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." I was also very much pleased to meet our new pastor, Brother Grisso and wife, who we believe to be real consecrated Christians. While we were sorry to have Brother Welty leave us yet we believe we have one to fill his place. It affords me great pleasure to meet with the dear people of the Bryan class. Altho I am very sorry to learn that there are those that will stay away from their church for the reason that things do not go just as smoothly as they should, yet we must remember that there are trials all thru life in the church as well as out of it. And we are taught by the word of God that if we forgive not men their trespasses, how can our heavenly Father forgive us ours. Therefore we should be all the more determined to do our part if others do not do just what is right. I believe that a great many of us fail to a certain extent, but that should not discourage us as we have the blessed promise of being forgiven if we sincerely repent. I must say that I feel so unworthy but I will strive by the help of God to live for him. We listened to an excellent sermon delivered by Brother Grisso on Sunday morning, and surely it was food for my hungry soul from one of like precious faith. May the Lord bless us all.

MISS FLORENCE STUTSMAN.

## Enon Church Items

It is some time since I have written you the news in this part of the vineyard myself. I try, however, to have it sent in once a month by some member of the congregation. It develops them, and relieves me. But as I was away part of last month I failed to appoint a correspondent for June. Hence, my pen is at work this time.

Since we were last heard from many things have transpired which interests the church here. Our love feast occurred June 11. An all day meeting was held. Children's Day exercises and S. S., occupied the morning sessions. A splendid program, according to the judgment of those who heard it was given by the Sunday school. Dinner was served in the church and in the grove. At 2:30 P. M., preaching service again called the people together. In the evening they again met for the celebration of the triple ordinance of the Lord's Supper. A number were present from Hudson and participated. Brother E. L. Hildebrand, pastor at Hudson was present and gave the best talk on the Social Significance of Feet Washing, I have ever heard. It was inspiring. He showed how

it is adapted to remove from our hearts the false pride of wealth, or position, or education.

The next day I left for Montour, Iowa, where I dedicated the church last January, to hold a meeting for them. Here brother Fetter Hall has had charge as pastor, and the result testifies of his method and ability. The time was when he was the only member of the Brethren church in his community and had the prejudice of the church from which he was cast and even of his relatives to overcome. He did not do like some of our members do, sit down and fold his hands, or unite with some other church because his own choice was not at his door, but with firm will and steady purpose he pursued his way, got one persuaded here and another there to espouse the gospel alone church, got Brothers Bashor and Christner to hold meetings, and finally secured Brother Harrison, then residing at Waterloo to organize them into a church. Last fall, after holding services in school houses, rented churches, and private houses for a number of years, they secured a church which had been owned by the Quakers. We held meetings for two weeks, holding forth the Word as we were able. Fifty-three made the confession. Of these forty-one united by baptism, two were reclaimed, two by relation, and eight had not yet decided where they would go to make their church home, when I left. We closed with a splendid love feast at which about seventy-five were present and participated.

On my return home found the work awaiting me in piles. Dozens of reports had come in were waiting for filing. Send them on brethren. If you just continue we shall have a full report. All those who reported last year need not send report this year. I'm trying to get a complete list of churches and then each year we can have a report from each. I trust we may have a good conference at Warsaw. Pray for it, brethren.

Last Sunday I preached in the morning. But in the evening we all had other duties. In the afternoon we had baptized a candidate in the river, to witness which a small crowd had gathered. We had not got home yet, until a messenger overtook us and told us that two of our young brethren, John Hoover and Bert Hoover, and a little boy, son of John Harbaugh, a member of the G. B. church, while in bathing just after the baptizing, had been drowned. The afternoon and night were spent in searching for the bodies. Roy Harbaugh's body was found in the afternoon. The Hoover boys' not until the next forenoon. No such physical calamity has overtaken this community for many years. A triple funeral was held yesterday, (July 4th, and what a Fourth it was!) at the G. B. church. It was thought that over a thousand people were present. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the entire community. The two who were taken from us were among our best young men in the church. The loss is sore. But I pray that, their lives of service and their

tragic death, while endeavoring to save the life of the younger boy, may redound to the glory of God and the salvation of other souls. They were fast friends in life, "and in death they were not divided." Such is the uncertainty of human life! How necessary that all of us creatures of that fickle thing called Time, live face to face with the fact that God intends us for Eternity. The calamity seems a victory for satan, but God will turn it into a glorious victory. Brother R. R. Teeter will hold our revival meeting, to begin about Sept. 1.

J. L. GILLIN.

## Notes From Zed. H. Copp

Since our last "Notes" we have been busier than ever—conducting funerals, visiting the sick, with the dying, and saddest of all, out after the spiritual sick, dead and dying. We, ourselves have had a hard, sudden dash of malaria fever and are not well nor have any energy yet. Physicians say that the present is an unprecedented period of general sickness. Well, thank God we'll soon be in the city of perfect sanitation

"Where sickness sorrow, pain and death  
Are felt and feared no more."

That church building is going up in our minds and hearts, and after awhile it will appear in the realm of material things. We are now ready to have you help us. Next week we will tell you to whom you may send your money or pledges. Think about it, pray about it, and then pay about it.

## THE MEANEST MAN

in the acquaintance of angels, men or devils is the man who runs to the minister with all his cares and sorrows and demands his time, talent, health and spiritual power to help him bear them, and yet when the minister is in need of the common necessities of life, and the work of the Lord of funds he suddenly becomes as poor as Lazarus; tho he can attend every street fair, show, picnic or excursion, smoke, drink a little on the sly—so he thinks—chew tobacco, gum and about every other worldly thing that his flesh longs for. But as for the minister he may be hanged for all he cares, or if he lives, let him beg, steal or starve. These are the *meanest* creatures that wear the skin of mankind. Lord, help us to do right and deal justly.

For real heart enlargement Brother and Sister Reynolds of Bear Creek are leaders. They have brought us many of the things we greatly need.

Brethren of Ohio, please don't forget that what is contributed towards Dayton from outside Dayton is an *individual* matter with you. And that while it may be but a *small* sum yet the aggregate here is a *BIG* deficit if withheld. Please look after this at once. Rent, grocery, etc., away behind. This is not right to those we owe, nor to us. We believe you will nobly respond. Thank you. Be patient a little while longer and Dayton will be self-supporting and also help others. She is going to help the College any way.